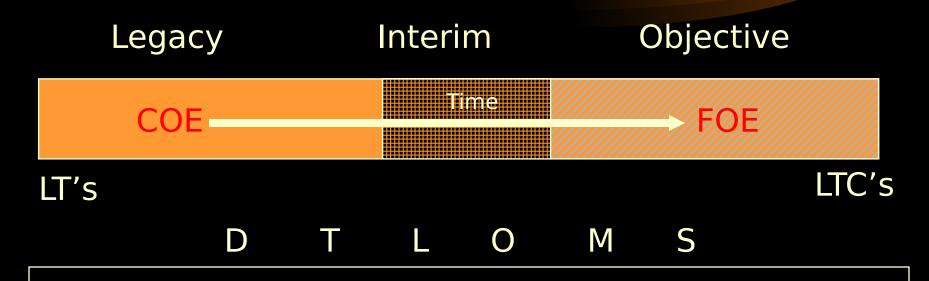
TRADOC 7th Annual OPFOR Conference

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ADCSINT-Threats

Premise(s) of the Contemporary Operational Environment (COE)

- 1. US will have no peer competitors until 2020 or beyond
- 2. Nations will continue to field armed forces and use these forces as a tool to pursue national interests.
- 3. Pursuit of national interests may cause US intervention either unilaterally or as a coalition partner with or without United Nations mandate.
- 4. Nations who believe that the US will act counter to their national interests will develop diplomatic and military plans for managing US intervention.
- 5. Nations will modernize their armed forces within the constraints of their economy but in ways that may negate US overmatch.
- 6. Non-state actors will play an important role in any regional conflict.
- 7. All combat operations will be significantly affected by a number of variables in the environment beyond simply military forces.

Contemporary Operational Environment (COE) and the Future Operational Environment (FOE)



COE and FOE are a continuum of anticipated threats over time. These constructs track the expected evolution of potential adversaries strategies to allow training and combat developments against likely foes.

Conference Expectations

 Deeper understanding of the application of OPFOR doctrine and the OE variables to training events

Adjustments to the doctrine.

Defining COE implementation.

How do we know when we are there?

What's stopping us?

Organization of the OPFORs at the CTCs.

Requirements vs constraints.

We, the OPFOR in order to create a more perfect training environment.....

"No one important is here!"

The people that are here at the conference are the most important part of bringing COE to life in all training venues. You are the ones who do the actual work of planning and executing training events that prepare our Army for its next fight!